

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 46 - HB 319

April 13, 2021

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Extends the termination date of the Consumer Advocate Division in the Office of the Attorney General and Reporter (AG) to June 30, 2023. Under the *Tennessee Governmental Entity Review Law*, the Division is scheduled to terminate June 30, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007029):** Deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause such that the substantive changes: (1) accelerate, from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2022, the termination date of the Consumer Advocate Division (Division) in the Office of the AG; (2) require the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (TPUC) to submit a written report to certain members of the General Assembly by December 1, 2021, which details a plan for the transference of the Division from the AG to the TPUC on or before July 1, 2022; and (3) change the effective date from upon becoming a law to June 30, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation continues an existing entity at its current funding level.
- According to the AG, the Division's expenditures were \$923,500 in FY18-19 and \$868,400 in FY19-20.
- The TPUC will provide the required report utilizing existing staff and resources.
- Any fiscal impact to state government for the transference of the Division from the AG to the TPUC will occur as a result of the passage of future legislation.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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